



# Vietnamese American Roundtable

June 8, 2020

City of San Jose  
City Clerk Toni Taber  
City.Clerk@sanjoseca.gov

Re: Public Comments of Vietnamese American Roundtable for Item 3.6  
Discussion and Actions Related to Police Use of Force and Crowd Control

Esteemed Councilmembers, Mr. Mayor, and Staff,

The right to protest, assemble, and engage in free speech is fundamental to our American democracy. The Vietnamese community has often utilized this right to mobilize against injustices it has seen at home and abroad, including to have a section of Story Road designated as Little Saigon. Any use of force to quell such assembly and free speech must be seen as completely hostile to these fundamental rights, and must be used scarcely and require the highest justifications.


VAR believes that Black lives matter, and as such, our board members, staff, and volunteers have marched in solidarity. The protests that we have observed, and the people who have participated in them, showed a steadfast commitment to peaceful protest for over a week.

And yet, the San Jose Police Department resorted to tactics that injured its citizens, causing unnecessary chaos and damaging public trust. Derrick Sanderlin, a community activist who helped train police officers on implicit bias, suffered a severe groin injury and may never become a father. Tim Harper helped an injured officer, and was shown gratitude by way of a rubber bullet to the belly. We have seen images and videos of tear gas being used, despite the fact that such chemical agents have been banned in warfare since 1997.

From our observations, the decision to use such a display of force against those exercising one of the most fundamental rights of our nation was not justified. Tear gas cannot be banned from war but allowed to be used against our own San Jose residents. If rubber bullets are considered non-lethal, they are barely so. The City of San Jose had a great opportunity to demonstrate how it could support its citizens' deep concerns while maintaining restraint. It sadly failed to do so.

To begin the process of restoring trust, at minimum, we immediately call for a community-engaged process to review the tactics, officer training, and decision making of the San Jose Police Department when they engage with protestors. The use of tear gas and rubber bullets must be immediately halted. Officer accountability for violating policies must be enforced. Many of those who marched with VAR did so for the first time, and they did so despite fear and concern that they could be injured themselves. They chose to do so anyway after discussions about how to be prepared, creating a plan for, and setting expectations around violence. Is this what we must do when we exercise our freedoms of speech and assembly again?

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[Hello@VARoundtable.org](mailto:Hello@VARoundtable.org)

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Over the past week, we have had many difficult conversations about confronting our own biases, about the anti-Blackness that is present in our own communities, and about the misinformation and information barriers that have allowed racist narratives to permeate, and this is just the start. We have already benefited from being self-reflective and seeking dialogue with other groups and communities about how we can be allies. We believe that a reflective, transparent process that includes the groups and organizations long-focused on police issues can also strengthen SJPd, and restore trust with the community that it serves.

Warm Regards,

Huy Tran,  
On behalf of the Vietnamese American Roundtable

**From:** Angie B

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 12:04 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM 3.6

In response to the officers complaining about the items being thrown at them is childish, knowing SJPd had the audacity to use TEAR GAS during a pandemic.

**From:** Kylee Gonzalez  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 12:01 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** public comment, Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Kylee Gonzalez and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color. We stand the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police. In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence. I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

From: Zaynab Attaras  
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 12:01 PM  
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
Subject: "Letter from the Public" Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Zaynab Attaras and I'm a resident of San Jose district 8. I'm writing to you today to in regard of the excessive police use of force and crowd control. It is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. Tear gas is an abortifacient that can cause miscarriages, blindness, and respiratory problems and is extremely hurtful to children and the elderly. It is banned in International Warfare and yet it is being used on citizens in the middle of a respiratory pandemic. This is not only irresponsible but inhumane. In addition rubber bullets can cause serious injuries like traumatic brain injury. According to Dr. Robert Glatter, an emergency physician in New York City, "Rubber bullets can cause traumatic brain injury and 'serious abdominal injury, including injuries to the spleen and bowel along with major blood vessels". They can also cause internal bleeding and injuries to internal organs that could cause death! Protesting is a constitutional right and protesters should not be used with these violent forces. In addition protests on May 29, protesters were being peaceful and were met these violent forces. There is video proof of this from protesters who were met with violence and were being peaceful. I urge you to please ban the use of tear gas and rubber bullets.

Thank you,  
Zaynab Attaras

**From:** Josef John

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 12:00 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** City Council 3.6 - Public Comment



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Rubber bullets and chemical agents should hardly ever need to be used.

If they are needed, I am requesting the burden be on the police department to justify with video evidence (verbal explanation is not good enough) the use of each bullet / agent that is fired. Authorization from a chief officer is not enough, the public would like to be able to review after the event if the chief officer made the right decision.

Additionally, only officers that have been trained and have shown a history of being able to control their emotions should be allowed to use these weapons.

**From:** Jeremy Barousse  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Letter From the Public - Agenda Item 3.6 (June 9)



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Hello,

My name is Jeremy and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color. When we talk about defunding, we need to make it significant, not just symbolic.

We stand the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police. And we can't be discussing reforms that will lead to nowhere or to just check off a box.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

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**Jeremy Barousse**  
**Director of Civic Engagement**  
**Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network (SIREN)**

**From:** Joe Ethier  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 3.6 | City Council Meeting 6/9/2020



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First, I'm happy to see that the San Jose city council and mayor are willing to explore ideas to make changes address injustices and inequities in our city. I support the spirit of mayor Liccardo's memo calling for additional restrictions on police use of force.

While I hope the currently proposed changes are adopted quickly, I don't want the conversation to slow down at all from there. Changes proposed by the chief of police in his recent memo still leave much room for police to reinterpret and rationalize excessive uses of force. And even if a use of force is found to violate policy, it isn't clear that the consequences will actually be meaningful.

Until recently, I personally didn't understand what was meant by the language of "defunding" or "abolishing" the police, and was quick to dismiss such positions as pipe dreams. As I learn more about what these terms actually mean, however, they start to seem more and more like practical, realistic approaches that we could be exploring and implementing here in San Jose. We like to call San Jose the "heart" of Silicon Valley as much as we like to think of our culture here as one of innovation. Well here's an opportunity for us to innovate.

Joe E.



**From:** Minh Nguyen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 3.6



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Hi,

Captain James Dwyer is presenting to the city council this morning to justify use of various items and said that officers were assaulted with deadly items such as full water bottles and milk cartons.

This is an embarrassment and degrades his presentation.

Best,  
Minh Nguyen

From: Upstanding Voter

Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:59 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Letters from the Public re: Agenda Item Number 3.6 20-673, City Council Meeting June 09, 2020

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The community is demonstrating against police violence, brutality, racism, and murder, especially the multiple police murders of Black people.

Mayor Liccardo has taken a knee and has called the cause a righteous cause.

And the San Jose Police are responding to peaceful, lawful protests by the community, protests against excessive police force... the San Jose Police are responding to our San Jose people's righteous cause - with excessive use of force. With intimidation, taunting, instigation.

The police who are charged with serving and protecting our community are putting their own egos and fears, and property and inanimate objects, above the safety and health and wellbeing of the people of the community. They are choosing to harm peaceful, lawful people.

This system is waging a militarized war against the community who funds it.

Chief Eddie Garcia defends his officers without even having considered that he shouldn't - his immediate response to accusation is to deny it, until undeniable video evidence from multiple sources makes it impossible to ignore the crimes of the officers he is defending.

And Mayor Liccardo defends and backs his Chief and the police officers, talking about how there are riots and looting etc., and again not acknowledging the peaceful and lawful people who are being harmed by the police he is protecting, the people who are standing up for what he himself calls a righteous cause are being harmed while he denies it.

This system is broken.

We need to start over. The 8 Can't Wait isn't enough and it doesn't work. It's a pretty bandaid that makes the people who see a need for change feel like something is being done, while the sickness of racism and lack of accountability and militarization festers under the cover of the bandaid. There are many departments who have adopted many parts of the 8 Can't Wait, and these departments are also now harming the lawful and peaceful people they are charged with protecting despite the resolutions they took in the past.

This is not a problem that is linked to a single person or a single department, to a single city or state. We are seeing this same problem across the country. Which means the system is broken.

We need to start over. We need to create a system that doesn't take the largest part of the budget, taking from departments like education and social services. That money needs to be redirected to the areas that are actually qualified to deal with issues like drug addiction and suicidal feelings and troubled children - that money needs to not go toward purchasing equipment and training designed only to harm us.

The police must cease using tear gas and rubber bullets on our protestors. We must cease paying for military equipment and military training. We must stop chokeholds. How many murders through chokeholds must we see before we act?! We must hold police accountable for their actions. The Union must not be able to keep the police from being held accountable. The Chief and the Mayor must not jump to defend the officers without even reviewing the evidence.

If you do not hold the police accountable, if you do not make radical changes to this system, then the protests and the unrest will continue, and you will yourselves be held accountable, including through calls for your immediate resignation. Show us that you can be true leaders, visionary people, who can move us all forward

toward a system that protects all the people of the community, rather than protecting the system itself and being racist and a warring military force. Lead the City, lead the Nation.

Anna Wright

**From:** Andrea Vazquez [mailto:bethanne.eliza@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:58 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Andrea Vazquez and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget toward education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5 M into improving San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30 % of city funding goes to the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens 'safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

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Sincerely,  
Andrea Vazquez

From: **Stephanie Morris**

Date: Tue, Jun 9, 2020, 11:32 AM

Subject: Mothers Out Front Letter in Support of Racial Equality Actions in San Jose

To: <[mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District1@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District2@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District2@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District3@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District3@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District4@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District5@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District6@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District6@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District7@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District7@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District8@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District9@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District9@sanjoseca.gov)>, <[District10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District10@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Date:** June 8, 2020

**Subject:** Request for **Actions In Support of Social Justice and Racial Equity**

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Jimenez, Peralez, Diep, Carrasco, Davis, Esparza, Arenas, Foley and Khamis, Ahmaud Arbery. Breonna Taylor. George Floyd. Tony McDade. These are just a few of the many names on an excruciatingly long list, stretching back over 500 years on this continent, of Black people whose lives were cruelly cut short by systemic racism, exploitation and oppression. Over five centuries of domination and inequity have exploded, once again, into outrage and resistance, met in many cities by more police brutality. It's never been more clear that the success of our society has been built on the labor of Black and Brown people - the same people who suffer the most from inequity in all aspects of life, especially now with the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Silence is no longer an option.**

At Mothers Out Front, we know that there can be **no climate justice without racial justice**. The way that Black people, Brown people, and all people of color are treated as disposable in this culture of white privilege is directly related to the way that Mother Earth is treated as open for plunder by the fossil-fuel industry.

The sad truth is that, in our society, **profits, privilege and property are valued more than the health, liberty and lives of people of color and poor communities**, and more than the **ecological life-support system** that sustains us all.

This is why Mothers Out Front and over 200 other environmental groups endorsed the [Movement for Black Lives' \(M4BL\) demands and Week of Action](#). We need to go beyond words, beyond expressing outrage, and place the full weight of our power and privilege firmly on the scale of justice.

As an organization of mothers and others supporting a better world for children, we have a specific focus on supporting the most marginalized communities, especially communities of color. Here in San Jose, we can work together to restructure for social and racial justice. **Mothers Out Front supports the following actions** in alignment with M4BL and will engage our supporters to advocate for these demands in San Jose.

The City of San Jose Police, San Jose Mayor, and San Jose City Council members should **publicly acknowledge support for racial equality** and actively work for racial equity at every possible opportunity, including:

**POLICING**

1. Mayor Liccardo has signed the [Obama Pledge](#) to review, engage, report, and reform policies. He should share openly the continuing actions taken and continue dialog with the community, including the Independent Police Auditor. Black and Brown citizens of San Jose should not have to live in fear of the police.

2. **Protect the rights of protestors.** San Jose police must continue to ensure that protestors are allowed to peacefully gather without threat of harm or abuse. The use of tear gas and physical force against protestors is unacceptable.
3. In this current budget cycle, San Jose needs to **immediately reallocate funding** to social workers, therapists, and other social services while reducing funding to policing activities. More officers, guns, jails and prisons are not solutions to longstanding problems of racial disparities.

#### **WEALTH GAP**

4. The gaping [wealth gap](#) in San Jose cannot be solved until the City works to **correct historical housing discrimination** that has continued over many hundreds of years, resulting in lost opportunity for equitable property ownership, lost accumulation of family wealth over generations, unequally funded educational opportunity, and unequal access to high quality jobs.
5. San Jose needs to specifically **invest in the Black and Brown communities including small businesses**. One way to do this is to specifically allow the construction of Black and Latino owned bank branches.
  6. Affordable rental and ownership housing and anti-displacement policies should be adopted to mitigate the threat of displacement of existing residents and businesses when neighborhoods are redeveloped. Public parks, plazas, and urban community gardens should be equally available in low-income areas of the city.
  7. We must educate those who are protesting housing for homeless and low-income housing in their neighborhoods. Housing for homeless, teachers, and other essential workers needs to be a priority, not in name only.
8. The relationship between Coronavirus [deaths and zip code](#) cannot be ignored. Essential workers of San Jose are dying disproportionately of COVID-19. **These essential workers need to be supported** with protections that require the more privileged to shelter so that our important workers can be safe. The underprivileged always seem to do the hard work and receive the worst in return. It's time we put an end to this system. This is a pivotal time for us to leverage any and all options the City of San Jose has in service of empathy toward others and action toward more equity. Government must exist to support the will of the people toward greater good for humanity and the planet.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Morris, Linda Hutchins-Knowles, Susan Butler-Graham for the  
**The Mothers Out Front South Bay Team**

**From:** Minh Nguyen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting Item 3.6



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Hi,

My name is Minh and I am a resident of councilwoman Carrasco's district (recently moved from District 4 to District 5). Having attended 3 different occasions of protest in the past week+, and viewed many more online, I was disappointed by the conduct of SJPd and am recommending the outright **ban** of rubber bullets and chemical agents.

The idea that officers need to disperse crowds is outright **wrong**. I have witnessed peaceful protests again, again, and again - the **only** times I was worried about contention between officers and protesters, it was always the **police** escalating events by antagonizing protesters by advancing on them (as opposed to just keeping the same distance or even distancing). Looting is NOT happening on a crowd-wide basis, so the crowd is NOT the problem.

These disappointing displays of poor strategy and aggression have led me to the conclusion that our city would be better off if funds were reallocated from the police department (which already receives a generous 30% of the budget) to expand programs such as transitioning the homeless, community centers for the youth (when they are able to reopen), and mental health support.

Best,  
Minh

From: Kitt Ynchausti

Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:52 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Kathleen and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that the funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place does not have your citizens' safety and well-being in mind. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

We stand with the calls of those across the country to their own city councils, and San Jose demands that the City Council defund SJPd. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this tumultuous time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence. I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revisit the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you,  
Kathleen



**From:** Maiya rodocker  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:53 AM  
**To:** councilmeeting@sanjose.gov; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Subject Matter 3.6



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My name is Maiya Rodocker and I am a resident of San Jose, California.

I would like to first address Sam Liccardo's tweet on June 6th. "What happened to Derrick Sanderlin was wrong. Yesterday, I proposed a ban on use of #rubberbullets..." However, in the proposal made on June 5th that Sam Liccardo is referring to, he does not state any clear ban on rubber bullets. He not only fails to state a ban of rubber bullets, but instead calls for a review of SJPd and further justifies why/when SJPd can use rubber bullets.

Mayor Liccardo, you have made it clear you do not support defunding the San Jose Police Department. Your call for a reform and "review" of the SJPd may have been a convenient response at another time in your political career, but we cannot ignore the fact that Derrick Sanderlin dedicated years of his life to implicit bias training and reform of the SJPd and he was still met with violence. You're right about one thing, what happened to Derrick Sanderlin was wrong.

If it has not been made abundantly clear to you already, not only by the actions of the San Jose police department over the past week, but by the history of police brutality against BIPOC across the country, "reform" is simply not enough.

We will not accept you simply putting a bandaid over this issue.

Throughout my life I have watched education, arts, social services, and mental health care be defunded. So, why is it such a radical idea to defund the police and reallocate those funds back into our community? The San Jose Police Department General Budget Fund is more than Housing, Parks & Rec, and Transportation combined. This is not a government providing resources for a community in need, this is a government waging a war on its citizens. By reallocating these funds we can redirect them to community based models of safety, support, and prevention.

It does not need to be difficult, it is honestly just common sense. We will continue to protest until the needs of our community are met and our elected city officials are protecting every single person within our community, not just those that directly benefit from the flawed system.

Thank you.

**From:** Bridget .  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Letters from the Public - Agenda Item 3.6



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My name is Bridget and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

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Best,  
Bridget

**From:** Maile Naito  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

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**From:** Felix Oliveros  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:46 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Concerns



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Hello, my name is Felix Oliveros, I'm a resident of San Jose, currently attending SJSU. I'm writing in regards to agenda item 3.6. I write to you today, saddened, frustrated and with a heavy heart. The recent events that have shaken the nation, and the world at large have been tragic, but unfortunately, are nothing new. The presence of social media has just simply put a spotlight on what has been happening here in America since its birth. Police and the justice system as a whole continue to fail our communities of color, especially our black communities. Police continue to senselessly kill black people, constantly proving themselves incompetent, ignorant, and downright racist. These murders wearing badges that are attempting to commit genocide don't face consequences, and are never held accountable for their outrageous actions. Black Americans face the risk of being profiled, arrested, harassed, and even killed by police more than any one else and it's disgusting. I say this, because SJPd is no different. At recent events and rallies, we've heard testimonies, and heart breaking stories of sons and daughters being taken from mothers at the hands of the SJPd, and if I'm not mistaken, some of these officers are still working for SJPd. Even more recently, at peaceful protests, where citizens simply exercised their right to assemble and protest, they were met with violence, intimidation in the form of riot gear and weapons and antagonized by police. Jared Yuen has become a national face for the problem with police. Overly aggressive, and itching to hurt somebody. He even referred to a citizen as a "bitch." He was trigger happy and was firing deadly shots at citizens for no reason. After his blatant display of love for violence, he not only was not held accountable, but Eddie Garcia met the public, with a weak explanation stating Jared Yuen is a good kid, however he is a 30 plus year old grown man. Eddie Garcia also stated that Jared Yuen's emotions got the best of him, which is not in any way, shape or form an excuse, and actually is one of the main problems with police all around America that leads to the deaths of Blacks at the hands of the police. Furthermore Jared Yuen is still employed when he's obviously proved himself unable to be in this profession. Other officers have been seen laughing during protests and honestly it's disgusting and speaks volumes to the veil of progressiveness that San Jose and its local officials and government hides behind. The only solution that would even come close to eradicating this issue would be to disband and defund the police and redirect funds to other responders and crisis experts. The time to leave Police in the distant history is long overdue and as long as this police department is active and patrolling our communities, no citizens will feel safe, and we as citizens have no reason to trust any officer we come in contact with or see, and that is not the fault of the citizens but rather the fault of the police and their failings. I hope there will be change, and that you heavily consider this city's future. and if you don't act and make change on behalf of the people as you are supposed to.

**From:** S A

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:45 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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My name is Sabreen and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes toward the Police Department. The system in place is broken-at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

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In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

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Sabreen

**From:** Betty Nguyen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:44 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Betty Nguyen, and I am from the Seven Trees neighborhood of San Jose.

I would like to direct this letter towards Mayor Sam Liccardo. Mayor Liccardo, I understand that you claim to be a direct descendant of the first colonizers in the Bay Area, which means that you and the generations before you have relied on the police to keep your wealth, property, and power in this region safe. I would like you to understand that your upbringing and your relationship with the police is drastically different from the lived experiences of communities of color that are disproportionately affected by police violence. You also attended Bellarmine College Preparatory, one of the wealthiest and well-resourced schools in one of the whitest areas of the city. Did you know that during my time in high school in the east side of San Jose, we only had 2 counselors for over 2000 students of color? The lack of support and funding in our education, social, and community services is what makes us suffer. The 30% of city funding that goes to the Police Department and the budget cuts to education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation exacerbate this pain.

When we are asking for you to defund the police, we are asking you to reallocate the money to the resources that actually allow our communities to thrive. As the people who actually suffer from systemic racism, we do not need you to tell us what you think we will be hurt by. We need you to listen to us, recognize your historical role in our suffering you have already caused and continue to inflict as you disregard the safety and health, specifically for the disabled community, by endorsing the use of tear gas during a pandemic of a respiratory illness. We are asking you to make things right.

I am calling for you and the members of city council to defund and disband the San Jose PD and to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

From a San Jose community member,  
Betty Nguyen

**From:** Prerna Agarwal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Letters from the Public: Item 3.6



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Agenda item 3.6 is a blatant cop-out for San Jose politicians to claim they are addressing police violence and brutality.

First and foremost, many of these council members are emblematic of the very political corruption the community is fighting against.

Mayor Liccardo, you accepted \$50,000 in campaign contributions from the San Jose Police Officers Association, PAC ID# 951339.

District 1, Councilmember Chappie Jones, you accepted \$600 in campaign contributions from the San Jose Police Officers Association PAC ID# 951339.

District 2, Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, you accepted \$600 in campaign contributions from the Santa Clara County Probation Peace Officers Union Local 1587 ID# 743998.

District 3, Councilmember Raul Peralez, you accepted \$600 in campaign contributions from the San Jose Police Officers Association Local 1587 ID# 743998.

District 5, Councilmember Madgalena Carrasco, you accepted \$600 in campaign contributions from the San Jose Police Officers Association PAC ID# 951339.

District 8, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, you accepted \$600 in campaign contributions from the San Jose Police Officers Association PAC ID# 951339. You also accepted \$600 from the Santa Clara County Probation Peace Officers Union Local 1587 ID# 743998.

I DEMAND that you pledge to not take any more police contributions. Not only that, but Ban the SJPOA and Deputy Sheriff's Association of Santa Clara County from political contributions, campaigns, and lobbying towards candidates, and legislation. You've taken their dirty money for way too long.

You must show solidarity for Black and brown communities the SJPd has marginalized, and serve as advocates for defunding rather than reforming the police.

Working in Downtown San Jose, I went to work each week seeing the SJPd harass homeless folks doing nothing. They would be yelled at while sitting at St. James Park or outside the MLK library, both public spaces and sometimes even forced to relocate. Rather than continuing to invest in this inherently racist and futile institution, our efforts as a city must be focused on community initiatives to end homelessness and increasing affordable housing in the first place. We also need to look at increasing Public Works, Public Health, Parks and Recreation, and Transportation services--all mechanisms that when properly funded can also reduce crime and revitalize the community.

This memo talks about equipment and regulations, but the reality is that the SJPd escalated the violence and started the riot. This is an affront to the protesters exercising their First Amendment rights, and it is insulting to people of San Jose because they think we are so naive and unintelligent that we can't see what's really going on here: They are paying lip service to reform, not taking action.

The institution of the police grew out of Slave patrols. As an institution, the police are inherently racist, a tool of white supremacy. It has not reconciled with its history and needs to be abolished.

I demand you fire all Police Officers for any past brutality, excessive force, corruption, sexual abuse, physical

abuse, domestic abuse, or discrimination. Fire Officers Jaren Yuen, Michael Santos, and Anthony Vizzusi, and fire Chief Eddie Garcia for incompetence.

Almost a half-billion dollars a year is given to SJPd. Poverty and homelessness are criminalized. Diseases of despair such as drug addiction are criminalized. Mental illness is criminalized. Fund the programs that serve our community. Defund the police.

San Jose is cutting community, equity, education, and safety initiatives such as Viva Calle & Viva Parks, library hours, community service officers, parks maintenance, and equity strategy for allocating funding. The Police budget is nearly half a billion dollars. By starving the community and feeding the Police, San Jose is prioritizing an infrastructure of violence over peace and democracy. Defund the police.

San Jose Police receive nearly half a billion dollars of our City's General Fund budget. Instead of investing in services for the homeless, we're spending hundreds of millions of dollars on Police who sweep homeless encampments into dumpsters and ticket people sleeping in their cars. Instead of investing in schools and libraries, Police are given almost \$5 million for truancy and school safety. Invest in education and recreation programs. Defund the police.

The people do not want reform. We want the police DEFUNDED. As representatives of our community and our districts, it is YOUR responsibility to change policy and do so.

Prerna Agarwal  
District 10 Resident



**From:** Akshaya Premkumar

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:39 AM

**To:** CouncilMeeting <CouncilMeeting@sanjoseca.gov>; City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Akshaya and I am a resident of San Jose. Although, I virtually couldn't attend the meeting due to my work orientation, I am writing to demand for restructuring of the city budget. The SJPd must be defunded and the funding be reallocated to community resources. It is unacceptable to cut funding for community resources such as education, housing, and transportation when over 30% of SJ funding goes to the Police Department.

As other cities such as Minneapolis are calling for the disbanding of their police departments, San Jose which is known for its "progressiveness" has failed to denounce the police system that keeps failing the people it's supposed to protect. The mayor Sam Liccardo, has said he's against defunding the Police and the reasoning he provided is less than insufficient and frankly came off as uninformed. The San Jose community demands that the budget be restructured to meet the needs of San Jose residents who are already struggling and affected by Covid-19. Why is it such a crazy thought that tax-payers money should go to programs that target helping the disadvantaged and systematically oppressed communities versus the Police departments who as shown on the news and social media have been instigating violence against the people they are supposed to protect. And that is only one of the many reasons that the police are inefficient and more harmful than helpful. If crime rates is an argument against police defunding, increasing community resources and social and public programming have been proven to reduce crime rates and give communities access to resources that will help them prosper. We demand a budget that supports the well-being of our community.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

The duty of the city council is to listen to the community and represent our interests. When the whole community is coming together to demand for the defunding of the police in order to uplift the communities that have been unfairly and systematically suppressed, it is the duty of the city council to answer this call. Crime is predictable, and as the Police continually have shown that they abuse their power and target poor communities and BIPOC, crime is going to be inaccurately represented in the data. The SJ community and many other communities are become aware of this and we demand real change.

I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Akshaya

**From:** Sarah Ullmark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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My name is Sarah and I've been a long time resident of San Jose. I am first writing to call for the ban on the use of rubber bullets and tear gas and other means of excessive force as crowd control. Peaceful protesters were met with violence, it's shameful and the fact that so many were injured -- including Derrick Sanderlin who worked with the SJPd to help bridge the gap between this force and its community - it's beyond enraging and infuriating.

What is also embarrassing is the fact that "good kid" Jared Yuen has yet to be fired, I do hope this council realizes that Chief Garcia is not the face of SJPd -but rather it's Jared Yuen. That officer's demeanor and sickening glee in actively participating in police brutality were not just seen locally but around the world.

Finally, I am writing to demand the defunding of SJPd and reallocate funds to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. The system in place is clearly broken -- at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need to do better.

I urge this council to truly listen to the community, thank you.

June 9, 2020 Item 3.6

To Mayor Liccardo and the City Council:

I've been in the room with Chief Eddie Garcia when he's said "No one hates a bad cop more than a good cop." I've also been in the room when POA President Paul Kelly has made the same statement. Both signed on to public relations statements decrying the actions taken by the Minneapolis police officers who killed George Floyd. But the behavior of the SJPd we have observed during the recent protests and the Chief's memo offering a few changes in the spirit of "continuous improvement" do not appear to define a clear distinction between a good cop and a bad cop in the City of San Jose.

SJPd officers swear to protect and serve. We saw how they thought they should support that oath during the current protests, when they dressed in riot gear and used riot guns, tear gas, and other aggressive tactics to confront crowds of protesters, ironically protesting police use of excessive force. Whom did they protect and serve when they escalated tension and violence by their tactics? After they were called out publicly for the injuries they caused, they backed off and stayed farther away from protesters. Thus on Friday, June 5, the protests were notably more peaceful without police interference.

If SJPd leaders truly believe their oath, then it's time to walk the talk. Instead of dressing for war against local residents who are protesting bad cops, they should join the protests. If they take off their riot gear and walk together with protesters, it would send an important message that they are truly part of the community of people they have sworn to protect and serve, against bad cops. This would not preclude SJPd from being able to prevent violence by bad actors. If SJPd walked with the protesters, it would help diffuse tension, thus improving everyone's safety, including their own. Peaceful protesters, locally and nationally, have shown that they don't support bad actors who try to hijack these protests either. By now, all of you have heard of Derrick Sanderlin, a civilian who has trained SJPd police academy recruits in implicit bias. Mr. Sanderlin walks the talk. During the recent protests, he worked to deescalate violence by bad actors within the protesters and within SJPd. As a result, he was seriously and possibly permanently injured by SJPd. If those officers obeyed their Procedural Justice training principles and used their voices instead of rubber bullets, there could have been some real communication. But the officers chose to fire on the people they are sworn to protect. Those are not the actions of good cops. Using police brutality on people protesting police brutality only helps make the case that the current system of policing needs a serious overhaul. (Note to Chief Garcia: Need to revisit 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing report. No items have been completed.)

Mayor Liccardo: You have rejected defunding the police department in favor of reform, so we all must agree on the definition of what a good cop is before we can successfully move forward together on reform. It's time for the City Council to take the lead and convince SJPd to walk the talk and stop attacking your flock.

Jean Baron  
District 3 resident

**From:** Francisco Robles

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:32 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Agenda item 3.6



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Good afternoon Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members,

My name is Francisco Fernando Robles and I am writing today to implore you to direct funds to our Community Centers, Libraries, City Sponsored Sporting Leagues, and Programs/Organizations that promote mental health and those who advocate for those in need of mental health services.

As a five year Recreation Leader for the City of San Jose Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department at Gardener, Willow Glen, and Mayfair Community centers, I want to let you know that Community Centers work! After-school programs provide a safe place for ALL students and youth to come to stay off the street and take advantage of loving and caring staff who work their hardest to provide services they need but may not be getting at home. Some of the services we provide are: teen councils where teens get to learn to advocate for their needs, teen nutrition programs to ensure teens are eating healthy and have access to food, field trips to provide teens with experiences they may not be able to participate in due to financial hardship, outdoor recreation, team sporting recreation, arts and crafts, and a loving/safe environment which provides an alternative to being out in the streets prone to a gang lifestyle. With budget issues schools are facing due to decrease in enrollment, programs like these are being cut at the education level. It is our responsibility as elders to look after and foster the development of our youth. In community centers, we provide classes for adults, children, and senior citizens to participate in to provide healthier alternatives and provide a community setting. In community centers, we provide senior nutrition programs that provide seniors with warm meals, social activities, and caring and loving staff. This is just the tip of the iceberg of what is provided at community centers. We community centers are a great resource for the community, we are the centers they come to after they've been assaulted and need a friendly space they trust, we are the center they run to when they are being bullied, we are a center they run to to confide in and report their mal-nutrition, domestic abuse, and negligence to CPS. There is a reason they are called community centers, the center is what holds communities together, not just a safe place for the community, but a home, a heart. If you rip the heart out of a body, it cannot survive, but if you feed the heart a healthy diet, nurture it, and give it what it needs, it will thrive and bring great health to the body.

As a three-year employee of the San Jose Public Library System, I have seen firsthand how libraries engage the community and challenge their way of thinking while fostering their growth as individuals and as a collective. Libraries are gateways to the imagination and spark a fire inside each person who pick up a book. Whether it's a parent reading to their child, a teen being inspired, or an adult finding solace in a novel or self-help book, libraries provide a safe place for the community to come to to educate themselves. From makerspace buses to displays of books about icons who lead the way for change and equality, our library system is innovative, inspiring, and still has more to offer. Imagine what the San Jose Public Library System can accomplish with an even bigger budget!

As a five year, volunteer baseball coach for Police Activities League (P.A.L.) I have coached some of the city's most resilient and talented youth. I have seen the growth of players not only physically, but mentally. In team sports we promote the effective and successful results of how operating as a team is the best way to victory. Victory is not always about winning; Victory is about working hard, being persistent, and having confidence. We do not always win in life, but what we learn is how to have confidence in ourselves, how to work hard to achieve a goal and when the goal is not attained, we learn how to be persistent, use our confidence as a tool for change and inspire ourselves, our teammates, and our fans. Resilience is something we all need to develop along with working hard, and confidence. What our youth and community can learn from sports is that our willingness to work hard, be resilient, and be confident are another tool we can use to battle the injustices facing our world. Imagine if everyone was hard working, resilient, and confident.

Just this morning I heard a victim of sexual assault tell me, that had she had an advocate at her side after her assault instead of a berating police officer, that would have been more effective in the everlasting effect of such an atrocious act. Imagine using compassion as a tool for healing instead of anger and aggression. Imagine if every victim of every crime had an advocate at their side deescalating the situation of what just happened, mentally processing the lasting effects of what just occurred instead of a cacophony of victim blamers and adrenaline intoxicated individuals. How much more effective could we as a society, as a city, as a community could we be? Imagine if we remembered that we are all human with human emotions that need to be tended to. I understand catching criminals is important, I am not saying we do not need to have police officers, I am saying we need to focus on prevention rather than reaction. Imagine being the leaders of a city working towards healing, toward preventing crimes, working towards the implementation of deescalating situations instead of instigating them.

Imagine you have the power to create change. Imagine no longer, because you do.

May you have a blessed day and may your journey toward change be supported by the hands who appointed you.

"Ometeotl" a Nahuatl word meaning "May two forces/energies come together to create."

In community spirit,  
Francisco Fernando Robles

**From:** Elisabeth Correa [

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:37 AM

**To:** The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <[TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov)>; District1 <[district1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district1@sanjoseca.gov)>; District2 <[District2@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District2@sanjoseca.gov)>; District3 <[district3@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district3@sanjoseca.gov)>; District4 <[District4@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District4@sanjoseca.gov)>; District5 <[District5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District5@sanjoseca.gov)>; District 6 <[district6@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district6@sanjoseca.gov)>; District7 <[District7@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District7@sanjoseca.gov)>; District8 <[district8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district8@sanjoseca.gov)>; District9 <[district9@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district9@sanjoseca.gov)>; District 10 <[District10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District10@sanjoseca.gov)>

**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello

My name is Elisabeth and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30 % of city funding goes to the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens 'safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works. [redacted]



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A concerned San Jose citizen,

E. Correa

**From:** Emilee Neffson  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:29 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** agenda item 3.6



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My name is Emilee Neffson and I am resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand the funding is ealacted from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget toward education, libraries, parks, house, and transportation while funding 5 million improving San Jose golf course. it is an outrage that is over 30% of the city funding gas toward the police department. The system in place is broken at the expose of your citizen safety and well-being. W need a new criminal justice structure inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

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Thank you and stay well.

Emilee

**From:** Ngoc Sophia Nguyen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:23 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting- Agenda Item 3.6



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To whom it may concern,

My name is Sophia Nguyen and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our community. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes toward the Police Department. The system in place is broken--at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

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Thank you,  
Sophia Nguyen



**From:** Sara Eligado  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:23 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Sara and I have lived in San Jose my whole life. I am now 33 years old and still live in the same neighborhood. My life and my home are here and I, too, want to see change in our city. As we further discuss Item 3.6 and the policies we hope to reform, I firmly believe that we should take into account the mental health of our police system. When we discuss accountability with the community, can we hold police officers to a standard where they are able to objectively process their emotional state before objectively using a higher level of force? How often is a police officer's mental health evaluated and is it being evaluated with care? If we can improve the state of a person's mental health, I believe we can reduce acts of violence within our community.

I know this is only the beginning of our city working towards a better police system. My hope is that we can live not in fear but in peace with our community and the ones who protect it. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sara Eligado

From: Lindsey Leong  
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:21 AM  
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
Subject: Agenda 3.6

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To the City Council,

I am outraged in the handling of SJPD's handling of Black Lives Matter protestors. The excessive use of force including tear gas and rubber bullets is unacceptable. I am aware the Mayor cannot fire an officer but we demand you fire officer Derek Yuen who used a riot gun on police bias activist Derek Sanderlin. The behavior and attitude of Officer Yuen is a case and point on why people are protesting. Stating he was unaware that Derek Sanderlin knew the police chief is not a reason not to attack him. Officer Yuen and his colleagues should not be exhibiting excessive force on our community member no matter who they know. We are demanding immediate defunding of the police department and reallocating those funds into education, public transportation and housing. We have not been able to rely on police to keep us safe. It has been police putting people especially low income Black and Latinx communities at risk. The time is now to begin systematic and institutional change in our city. Let us be an example for the rest of this country.

With Urgency,

Lindsey Leong  
District 9

**From:** Jason Vu  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment (Agenda Item 3.6)



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Hello,

My name is Jason Vu and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

We stand the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

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I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Sincerely,  
Jason Vu

**From:** Malik Moncrief  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 11:00 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,  
my name is Malik and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5 million into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken-- at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd, similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

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**From:** Madeline Minardi  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Madeline and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the police department. The system in place is broken-- at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the city council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence, which only further escalates the situation.

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I will leave you with a personal story of why, as a white female, this is important to me:

Junior year of high school, on the day of my 17th birthday, I went to see a movie with some friends to celebrate. I was having an anxiety and depressive episode. I got home from the movie, went into my kitchen, and attempted to overdose on medication in order to end my life. My parents called the cops out of concern for my life and safety and well-being. Though I was calm, non-threatening to anyone else but myself, the police showed up and put me in handcuffs. They were cold, callous, and non-compassionate as I was in the fight for my life. They put me in the back of a cop car and escorted me to the hospital, where I was held on a 5150 call. This experience caused extreme anxiety and trauma for me. My transition from home to hospital through my depressive episode should have been one of compassion, understanding, and deescalation. Instead, I was in the back of a cop car for the first time in my life, terrified and alone. THIS is why we need social and public programs funded by mental health providers and social workers.

Thank you.

**Madeline Minardi**

**From:** Tony  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:59 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Anthony Ferrari and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

We stand the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Sincerely,

Anthony Ferrari

**From:** iq4rent sc  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:49 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 3.6



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The rubber bullets that shot me come with a specific warning that they can cause "fatal or serious injury." It's been over a week, I'm still on crutches and still under medical care. The psychological effects of the shooting will last even longer. I am enclosing a photo of one of my injuries so you can get the idea as to how large the wound is. I'm also sending a photo of a 40mm round like the one shot at me. That's my hand--does that seem like anything that should be shot at a person?

Like many other Legal Observers (LO) across the county, I was targeted--for maiming and arrest--and that is just plain terrifying. To prevent the chief or any other cop from feigning ignorance as to what an LO is, what they do and how to spot one in a crowd, I'd like to see the entire force undergo immediate training via an NLG trainer and have it become part of the regular curriculum for each academy. as well as an annual refresher course I'd suggest something similar for reporters from the ACLU since the chief seemed confused about first amendment law. [https://www.nlg.org/police-targeting-nlg-legal-observers-at-black-lives-matter-protests/?fbclid=IwAR3fSuBQ71mRB6bGzDuXEGdu4IAO3OS7zcAUEpi\\_mLgD9qlDEpiLWCaaONk](https://www.nlg.org/police-targeting-nlg-legal-observers-at-black-lives-matter-protests/?fbclid=IwAR3fSuBQ71mRB6bGzDuXEGdu4IAO3OS7zcAUEpi_mLgD9qlDEpiLWCaaONk)

We also need to expand the power of the IPA immediately and allow the IPA to launch a special investigation into what occurred during this time of protest. We need an independent review of motorcycle cops training and practices, having seen them not only run over someone, but repeatedly hunt people like animals. We need to know why, even after it was brought up at the first city council meeting, cops still continued not to wear masks, endangering the public during a pandemic. There is no reason they couldn't wear a simple face covering, with or without riot gear--the few cops who did wear a mask figured it out, why isn't it mandated?

But it can't stop there, it has to start at the top, the chief must be replaced. To claim he does not know what a LO is after working with several of us over the years and to not seem to understand that one never arrests media shows a complete lack of understanding for the basic fundamentals for his job. This is in addition to shooting potentially lethal projectiles at protestors who MAY have, at the worst, lobbed plastic water bottles at his heavily padded and well helmeted crew.

I worked crowd control for 10 years (immediately before and after 9/11), I've been on the receiving end of water bottles, urine, spit, threats, people yelling in my face, etc. I've been on the police end of a full-scale riot, I've worked world cup soccer, the super bowl, emergency evacuations, etc. At none of these moments did cops shoot rubber bullets, and at only one, a riot at SJSU at the end of an El Tri concert, were any chemical agents used, and I think it was just mace. I've never seen cops so out of control as I did last Friday-Sunday, shooting rubber bullets at people who angered them verbally, beating people with their sticks who happened to fall over on their bikes, or just hitting people with their hands who were recording other abuses.

Again, this is why the chief must go. Don't let him work those dimples, promise reform and conversation (AGAIN), hide behind the charm of Dwyer (still PIO at heart) and get away with all of this. It's not one or two bad apples. There's bushels of bad apples and they all fell off the same tree--Eddie. It's too much of a coincidence that all these cops of a similar age, ushered in during the Eddie era, are the bad cops.

We need a new chief, from another jurisdiction. I and too many others paid the price for his bad judgment and training. Keeping him would be literal salt in our wounds.

**And speaking of salt in our wounds, show some respect and give us ALL a full two minutes. Our community is full of rage and pain and you need to not add to that by stifling public comment.**

Regards,  
Shaunn Cartwright





**From:** Samantha Emmanuel  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** 6/9 SJ City Council Mtg, Agenda Item 3.6



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RE: 6/9 City Council Meeting, Agenda Item 3.6: "Discussion and Actions Related to Police Use of Force and Crowd Control Measures"

Hello,

My name is Samantha Emmanuel and I have been a resident of San Jose for over 30 years. I am writing to **demand** that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities.

**It is unethical to cut the budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation** while funneling \$5 million into improving San Jose golf courses. It is amazing to me that these areas are NOT the city council's priorities in the first place.

**It is an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department.** The system in place is broken — at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. I see time and time again that SJPd's policy is violence first and justifications for use of force or apologies after the fact. San Jose is complicit in violence towards its own residents, the very people that councilmembers swore an oath to serve. **We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.**

We stand with the cells of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of the at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. **WE demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers the police.**

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are **exercising their first amendment right** and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, **by listening to your community.** It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Respectfully,  
Samantha Emmanuel

From: Samantha Lafreniere  
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:57 AM  
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
Subject: Agenda Item 3.6

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Hello,

My name is Sam and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, housing, libraries, parks, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of the funding from the city goes towards the police department. The system in place is broken-at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure; one that includes a team of mental health professionals and social workers.

We stand with the calls from across the United States and demand that the SJPd defund and disband similarly to Minneapolis. Wait Amanda budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of the at-risk citizens of San Jose during this trying and uncertain time. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowering police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, teargas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their First Amendment right and should not be met with police violence. This is not keeping people safe, this is encouraging tension between the police (covered in riot gear) and the protestors.

I see that the city Council hopes to create a process that includes the community and starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents, I am urging you to completely revised San Jose city budget for 2020 to 2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,  
Sam Murphy

**From:** Armelle Coutant  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:56 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Armelle Coutant. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department.

I stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. I demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time when livelihoods are on the line. I demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowering a policing system that finds its roots in the oppression of communities of color.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control.

- Armelle Coutant

**From:** ryan tong  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:54 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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## **Mayor and Chief of Police**

Mayor: Sam Liccardo

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Message board: [San Jose Police Department](#)

Date: Tuesday, June 9th, 2020

Dear Mayor Sam Liccardo/San Jose Chief of Police Edgardo Garcia:

My name is Ryan Tong and I am a 30+ year resident and registered voter of San Jose, residing in District 8. This letter is in response to Mayor Liccardo's public comments stating that he does not intend to defund the SJPD as he doesn't want to be "The Guinea Pig". Clearly the Mayor has chosen to not educate himself on what is defunding the police based on his comments. And I quote, "The notion we can do without the police is an interesting experiment." The idea behind defunding isn't to get rid of all police officers. Defunding Sam, means reducing police budgets (& POWER) on a local and state level and investing that money directly into poor communities of color through public services and implementing non-police solutions to social problems. The communities that have been hit with structural racism are the ones that need the most economic help, and refusing to see that is evident of a "Leader" who doesn't actually live in San Jose, who doesn't have the compassion to solve the real problems these communities face.

I demand that funding is reallocated from SJPD to social and public programming that takes place in our communities, specifically those affected by structural racism. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while syphoning \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. How does this help END structural racism? It is also an outrage that over 40% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPD has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color. After the recent protests and how peaceful they have been after SJPD was removed from them, and seeing how SJPD acted and instigated POLICE BRUTALITY, what we are doing now is clearly not working. The officers that are employed to PROTECT & SERVE us are NOT fit for the job. Yes, Jared Yuen is the clear example, which is baffling that he is not fired! Not only did he instigate protestors by telling them to "Shut up Bitch," but he also shot Derrick Sanderlin who was attempting to de-escalate a situation. And to make matters worse, he gave SJP anti-bias training! The lack of leadership from Eddie Garcia and Sam Liccardo, by keeping Jared Yuen on as a cop is one that cannot be repaired by simple "reforms".

Let's say you are in a relationship with someone, and that other person physically and verbally abuses you. If that person promises to stop verbally abusing you but continues to abuse you, would that be okay? NO, OF COURSE NOT! The only right thing to do is to leave that relationship and report them. By Sam choosing to "Reform" we are staying in that abusive relationship and getting rid of the verbal abuse. Clearly what is now is not working, and now is not a time for reform. We want CHANGES, real changes where the public can feel safe, where they can trust the officers they call for help and a place where officers CAN BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

I am, as you'll see many others in San Jose, stand with those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. Again, Sam needs to do his JOB and research because this doesn't mean there will be NO police out there. This means breaking up with that abusive significant other and starting a new relationship! Starting a new police department from the bottom up that is designed to PROTECT & SERVE the community, not to inflict fear and be above the law while protecting and cultivating white supremacy. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of those at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. Those same ones who during this pandemic have been affected but are also the ones facing structural racism. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police. In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts here, by listening to your community first. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. We are SILICON VALLEY. It is not San Francisco as many think it to be with all the startups there. San Jose is the beginning of Silicon Valley, forward thinking, innovative and not afraid of change. We need to set the example of what policing without systemic racism looks like. By being afraid of being "guinea pigs," we fail to stick to our roots, to our DNA, to what made this place the best place to live. Innovative change is needed, and it's needed now. The public opinion is with me.

Thank you for your time,

Ryan Tong  
Lifelong SJ Resident

**From:** Anushree Thekkedath  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:53 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Anu, and I am a resident of San Jose. Here are some facts about this year's budget that I find extremely concerning:

1. The police department receives the most funding out of all departments, and receives more funding than the library, transportation, housing, and parks, recreation & neighborhood services combined.
2. Youth Services has been completely defunded, and Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention is being cut.
3. The Independent Police Auditor receives the smallest fraction of the departmental budget and is proposed to be cut.
4. Arts and Cultural Development and Business Development & Economic Strategy will be cut.
5. The department responsible for legislative transparency, the Office of the City Clerk, will be cut.

To decrease funding for social and public programming while allocating over \$400 million to the police force is unacceptable. The system in place is broken— at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time where livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their First Amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the City Council hopes to create a process that includes the community, and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose City budget for the 2020- 2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Best,  
Anu Thekkedath

**From:** Hatim S

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:52 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** AGENDA ITEM 3.6: Defund SJPd and Reinvest into the Community



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Hello,

My name is Hatim Saiffee and I am a resident of San Jose. I demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is outrageous that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department (~\$440M) when barely 0.05% goes to housing (~\$5M). This enormous amount is given to an institution that, instead of protecting its people, has been attacking peaceful protestors. The increase in overtime pay means there's an issue of overpolicing BIPOC communities.

I demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. I demand a budget that effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. I demand that the city divest money from the SJPd and invest it in housing projects and social workers, among other institutions that protect and serve its communities, not overpolice them. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

Additionally, I demand a ban on the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force. Tear gas has been banned in international warfare, yet is used domestically to suppress the public from exercising their First Amendment constitutional right? Think about that. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence.

If the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community, it starts here: by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me. And don't forget: we voted you into your position, and we hold the power to vote you out as well.

Thank you.

Hatim Saiffee



**From:** Mariah Ortiz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Mariah and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our community. It is UNETHICAL to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken-at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS and SOCIAL WORKERS.

We stand with the calls of those across the country and demand that the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community well-being, rather than empowers the police.

In the meantime it is important that the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a means of crowd control. The city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first amendment rights and should not be met with police violence.

I see that the city council hopes to create a process that includes community and it starts here, by listening to your community. It is your duty to represent your constituents. I am urging you to completely revise the San Jose city budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

Mariah

**From:** Rebecca Voss  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** San Jose City Council Agenda Item 3.6

Hello,

My name is Rebecca Voss, and I have been a resident of San Jose my entire life. I am writing in regards to the City Council Agenda item 3.6 that will be discussed during today's City Council meeting.

First, I demand that the government of San Jose begin the process of defunding the SJPd. It has been widely proven that increased spending on social and public health (including spending on things like education, housing, and social services) lowers the crime rate. Here are some studies that show this relationship:

**Public Health**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5652551/>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3969091/>

**Education**

<https://eml.berkeley.edu/~moretti/lm46.pdf>

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/econj.12204>

These studies are just a small look into what is an extensive body of evidence that shows that spending on social and public health leads to reduced crime rates, not increased spending on law enforcement. It's frankly completely unnecessary and obscene for San Jose to spend almost twice as much on the SJPd budget than any other budgetary item in the past two years.

However, this council meeting is not a budget meeting. This meeting convenes to discuss the ongoing protests and law enforcement's response to them.

It is imperative that the SJPd immediately bans the use of tear gas and rubber bullets in all situations. As has been pointed out extensively in the media, tear gas is illegal in war under the United Nations General Assembly resolution 2603. If the U.S. were to use tear gas in war, we could be tried by the International Criminal Court. How, then, can anyone even begin to justify the use of tear gas on civilians? Additionally, specific to the COVID-19 pandemic, although we will not see any spike related to protests for over a week due to the incubation period, exposure to tear gas can severely weaken a person's respiratory symptom, making them more susceptible to respiratory illness and even death. It is inhumane to continue to allow the use of tear gas by the SJPd. Additionally, rubber bullets are capable of causing severe muscle and nerve damage, and in rare cases, death. This is also incredibly inhumane and should be banned.

The use of extensive force by police during protests has been shown to only increase and incite violence from protestors. Many peaceful protests have turned violent due to the unjust treatment of protestors by law enforcement. Police officers also exhibit a significantly higher rate of domestic violence than the rest of the American population. Why would allow people who are inherently violent to serve on the police force? How would that reduce violence or crime? Well, it doesn't. This is another reason the SJPd should be defunded.

Respectfully signed,

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**Rebecca Voss** (she/her)  
Syracuse University '23

BA Political Science  
BFA Stage Management

**From:** Kevin Kim

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:42 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Meeting Item 3.6 on the 6/9 City Council Meeting



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To the City Council,

Mayor Liccardo believes that police reform is the end goal that will help bring the change the protestors are looking for. He is wrong. The new policy on use rubber bullets is a band-aid punishment that does not address the underlying issues with an overly militarized police force. He thinks that this reform will be the silver bullet to end a culture caused by excessive spending to arm the police against its citizens.

Please, radically defund the current budget going towards police and divert that money to public health services. That will be a step in the right direction towards abolishment of the police, as your peers in San Francisco to Minneapolis have done. Why are people unable to get tested for Coronavirus in a state where the police officers make six figures in overtime pay? Why have the proposed testing facilities and shelters for virus patients so slow to ramp up?

City Council. Your citizens are hurting, and the weight that police has on the city's budget only shows them you don't care about their needs, only the needs of the Police Department and the companies who supply them with military-grade equipment. We need a show of faith that you are willing to listen to us, instead of acting based on assumptions of what we want.

Thank you for your time,  
Kevin Kim

**From:** Rick Quaresma  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:39 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Rick and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that local funding for SJPd be relocated to social and public programs in our communities. It is grossly unethical to cut the budget for education, libraries, parks, housing and even transportation while funneling \$5 million to a San Jose golf course. Are you kidding me?!? It baffles me that anyone could be heartless enough to even consider that to be the thing to do. Further more, over 30% of the city budget goes to the police department. The system in place is broken at the expense of your citizens safety and wellbeing. We need a new criminal justice system inclusive of a task force dedicated to mental health professionals and social works.

We stand with the calls across the country and demand that the city council defund and disband the SJPd similar to Minneapolis. We demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of all at risk San Jose residents during this trying and difficult time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing rather than one that empowers the police.

In the meantime, it is necessary to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas, and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that the protesters are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with inappropriate and unnecessary police brutality. Period.

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**From:** Elisabeth Correa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:39 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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A concerned San Jose citizen,

E. Correa

**From:** Joshua Fairfield  
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**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
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Hello. My name is Joshua Fairfield and I am a resident of San Jose.

During the protest I met a handful of people that were shot with rubber bullets while they had their hands up. This one guy had got shot under his left eye by a rubber bullet and all he had was a guitar and harmonica. If police are abusing rubber bullets because they are hard to investigate then you have a huge problem there. These are not even meant to be shot above the chestline. They are called "Less than lethal" so aiming for the head makes them pretty lethal and irresponsible.

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Thank you

From: renefrancisjr@gmail.com  
Sent: Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:38 AM  
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Hello. My name is René Robiños Jr. and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30 % of city funding goes to the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens 'safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

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-René Jr.



**From:** Rosemarie Grantham  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hiya San Jose clerk,

My name is Rosemarie Grantham, I am a resident of San Jose. And I demand that funding be reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is HELLA UNETHICAL to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, AND transportation while what putting \$5 million into San Jose Golf Courses!? Bro, who TF does THAT benefit in San Jose? Only Golf Bros.

30% OF CITY BUDGET GOES TO POLICE!?!?! WHY? Think of what we could with with that money instead of spending it on tear gas, rubber bullets, riot gear. We could do SO MUCH MORE WITH THAT MONEY. This system is BROKEN--and our citizens are fucking suffering and are unsafe and have diminished well-being as a result of it. WE NEED a NEW criminal justice structure, that needs to be inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social works.

We stand firm with the calls of folks across this great land and demand the City Council defund and disband the SJPd similarly to Minneapolis. WE demand a budget that adequately and effectively meets the needs of at-risk San Jose residents during this trying and uncertain time, when livelihoods are on the line. We demand a budget that supports community wellbeing, rather than empowers police.

In the meantime, it is important to band the use of rubber bullets. You used them on Derek Sanderlin, and he's been working with police for YEARS to try and fix broken things in the police system. Ban tear gas, it's banned by the Geneva Convention, why tf is is being used on our own citizens?!?!?!?! Crowd control my ass. More like acting like an occupying force oppressing it's own taxpayers. This city must recognize that protestors are exercising their first ammendment right and should not be met with police violence.

I'm glad the city council hopes to create a process that includes the community and it starts RIGHT HERE by listening to your community. It is your goddam duty to represent your constituents. I used to think if I was civil in my communications with government officials that would be respected. Now I goddam know better. Nothing in this goddam blood-soaked country every changes without some sort of sacrifice by people willing to put their shit on the line to make things better. Fuck decorum, defund the SJPd. I demand you revise the San Jose City Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Public opinion is with me.

NO FUCKIN' HATE IN SAN JOSE

I made some spelling errors, but I can't go back and change them, becauseI still have a job to do so I can fucking make money to donate to bail funds across this land that is my home. WE PROTECT OUR HOME, WE PROTECT OUR PEOPLE.

**From:** Marynoelyn Jacob-Oviatt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:36 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Marynoelyn Jacob-Oviatt and I am a resident of San Jose, District 3. I work in the non-profit sector, directly with San Jose youth and their families. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is an outrage that over 30% of the city budget goes towards SJPd. The system in place is broken, at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers. My husband is a social worker, directly working with people experiencing mental illness.

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In the meantime, it is important to ban the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and other means of excessive force as a method of crowd control. The city must recognize that protesters are exercising their first amendment right and should not be met with police violence. Upset doesn't even begin to describe how I feel about what happened to Derrick Sanderlin, a Black man who acted as a peacekeeper during protests and was seriously injured by a rubber bullet in an egregious act of violence by police.

I understand that the city council hopes to include the community in decisions regarding the San Jose budget, and your decisions should begin and end in the same way: by listening to the community. It is your duty to represent your constituents, and I believe the city council has the power to create meaningful change in our community. I am urging you to completely revise the city budget for this next fiscal year to deemphasize funding to the SJPd and focus on the true needs of the people you serve.

**Marynoelyn Jacob-Oviatt**

**From:** Emma Siemasko  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item 3.6 Public Comment from Emma Siemasko



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Hi City Council,

I've spent the last week analyzing the San Jose City Budget, the San Jose Police's budget, and our current use of force policy. I was happy to see that we are doing an ok job here in San Jose, however I have three major points:

- **OVERALL POLICE BUDGET** - The current budget for San Jose will give 44% of funds to our police department. In Boston, they give 15% and in Baltimore 25%. I looked into the budget and recognize part of the reason our percentage is so high is because of the high cost of living and salaries for our officers. Looking further into the police budget, it's clear that the majority of these funds (\$221,941,070) are used for officer salaries and benefits. Our officer count is smaller than comparable cities and I recognize it's smaller than it used to be, however we need to cut more. **My recommendation is to cut police budget by minimum 10%, specifically cutting field patrol, and giving this ~\$40M to other programs such as education and housing.**
- **DUTY TO INTERVENE** - I read the SJPd Duty Manual and I was pleased to see how San Jose measures up with 8 Can't Wait. The most important policy of 8 Can't Wait- Duty to Intervene- is nowhere to be found. This is a gigantic issue because it suggests we are not holding our officers accountable. If an officer sees another use force and does not have a duty to do anything, both could agree not to report. One would not stop the other. **We need to have a comprehensive duty to intervene policy here in SJ to hold our officers accountable.** Otherwise, "brotherhood comes first.
- **LET US BE A "GUINEA PIG"** - Finally, Mayor Lickardo's public comment is that he is unwilling to defund the police department and said he didn't want us to be the "guinea pig." Why not? We are living in Silicon Valley, in one of the most progressive and innovative communities in the world. Mayor Lickardo mentioned that our Hispanic neighbors want more officers on the ground. I'd like to see proof of this. Even so, wouldn't this community be better served by funding for their schools or community outreach programs? It's time to change the story in San Jose.

There are many other things we can do in SJ to reduce the police force, but this would be a good start.

Thank you,  
Emma Siemasko

**From:** Hillary Smith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:34 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Hillary Smith and I am a resident of San Jose. I am here to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The SJPd has seen a rise in overtime pay which, more often than not, is paid out to officers responsible for harassing the unhoused, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Julia White  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:33 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment re: Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Julia, and I am a resident of Santa Clara and member of the greater San José community. I am writing to address Agenda Item 3.6 at today's City Council Meeting regarding crowd control measures upon protests in San José.

The use of tear gas is a clear violation of international protocols, and is banned in wartime per the Geneva Convention. It is an actual chemical weapon of warfare, and should NOT be deployed upon civilians. While justified by elected officials as "non-lethal," scientific research has proved otherwise regarding rubber bullets. Many are simply coated in rubber, still containing a metal core. And as we saw last week with Derrick Sanderlin, they can cause severe injury and lifelong effects.

San José deployed these inhumane tactics upon civilians who were clearly expressing their rights to peaceful assembly and to "petition the government for a redress of grievances." This is unacceptable, and the people will not stand for it. Protesting against police brutality only to be MET with police brutality further proves the overall need to divest from the police and invest in the community.

Sincerely,  
Julia

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Thank you,  
Angela Bello  
Sent from my iPhone



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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:28 AM  
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**Monica Montoya**  
**IPro Real Estate**

**From:** k r

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:25 AM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Budget meeting public comment (agenda item 3.6)



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Hi this is K Rivas, lifelong San Jose resident and education worker, currently living in D7.

I was at the protest on Friday May 29th and got pushed, shot at, flashbanged and gassed by SJPd along with the crowd. One of my legs still has not fully recovered 12 days later, which still impacts my ability to walk or stand, especially for more than 20 minutes at a time.

I find it horrid and a heavy insult to the people of our city that, in spite of this and many more, much worse experiences than mine, Sam Liccardo has already committed to not defunding SJPd. Instead, he wants to continue on a path of "reform", and allocate MORE resources to it, including more bodycams and Information Technology.

SJPd has already been in "reform" for decades, at least since the murder of John Henry Smith Jr in 1971 by Officer Rocklin Woolley. That "progress" was clearly shown on the first day of protests. The videos we have seen are just the tip of the iceberg.

Reform is not the answer anymore. I don't know why SJPd gets more and more chances. It and the City did not extend that same respect to the thousands of protesters who showed up that weekend, especially once the curfew order was enacted hastily Saturday and the SMS alert was sent out with less than one hour notice, exclusively in English.

Why should SJPd get MORE resources to possibly further surveil us, when this proposal wants to cut almost half of library aide positions and reduce library hours by 4 per week (except for Mt Pleasant, going to 24 hours per week)? When Parks and Rec is also losing positions? Why, when Neighborhood Services as a whole is being cut by almost \$5 million net? All of that is only a sliver of the 50% we are asking for.

SJPd claims its mission is to "create safe places to live, work and learn through community partnerships." However, SJPd fails the community time and time again, actively contributing to public un-safety - as evidenced by dozens of testimonials, specifically about SJPd, that I have personally witnessed over just the last week and a half.

To comment on individual items under the SJPd budget:

The entire Crime Prevention unit. Why is SJPd in charge of truancy abatement and school safety at all? Those sections shouldn't even be in their purview to begin with. The schools have staff positions that cover security. We need counselors, why don't we hire them to aid with truancy?

I have to ask what much of Investigative Services actually goes to, because reading over a lot of these service descriptions, many seem contradicted by the same testimonials mentioned earlier.

Sexual Assault. San Jose contracts out lots of services. Can we contract out Lab Testing, and get sensitive, trained responders to take reports? How effective at combatting sexual assault is SJPd really? 40% of all police officers in the US are REPORTED domestic abusers. In light of mountains of evidence that their common

response is complete dismissal or "there's nothing we can do", wouldn't this be better handled by social workers or crisis counselors, especially those already specializing in domestic violence/sexual assault? They do important, extremely taxing work - why don't they get the kind of pay, hours, positions and benefits that SJPD officers do? Much testimony and evidence exists of officers and judicial proceedings retraumatizing survivors. How can we even trust the current system knowing all of this? Reform is too little too late.

Regulation - a smaller section at \$4.6 mil, but how necessary is all of it really? Half of that could pay rent for about 80 one-bedroom apartments yearly.

IT. We already know the council and Mayor have been refusing to listen to and even suppressing the people who don't want Google in San Jose. Is there any guarantee PD and Google aren't already in bed with each other, and won't be? Is there a guarantee they won't use our own data against us, the people? Is there really no safeguard they won't abuse the body cams, data storage and tech that Sam wants to allocate millions of dollars into?

Service calls - see the end of my comment.

One working demand of the protest is to reallocate 50% of SJPD's overbloated budget, currently 33.4% of San Jose's total (housing is at 0.05% in comparison, which should be criminal). That would be 16.7% of the entire budget that can then be added into programs and resources like: housing for the unhoused, fresh food and meal distribution, education and vocational training, (mental) health services, childcare, recreation, libraries, etc. Things studies have actually shown to improve a community's well-being over policing, especially once adequately funded and resourced.

I want to end with an anecdote on the supposed necessity of Service Calls:

A couple days after the first protest, there was a neighbor dispute outside my house. Two people were outside cussing and yelling at each other.

I opened my window and asked if one was okay, they said "yeah," and went back inside their house. I said, "I'm coming out".

My father's immediate response was, "don't go out there, call the cops". I told him, "Are you kidding? After what they did to us Friday? No." and went outside, if only to watch from a distance.

By the time I got to the front of my house to watch the scene, the agitator was getting in their van to drive away.

No police call was necessary!

I hope this anecdote can serve as an example to the San Jose community of why we actually don't need to call police for every crisis, "suspicious activity", dispute, etc. I hope this encourages the community to look into and learn de-escalation techniques on their own.

We can even make contacts with our existing neighbors who are already trained in these techniques, like healthcare workers, social workers, teachers, behaviorists, paraprofessionals, etc. We can solve many problems within our own communities before relying on SJPD bringing their threats of weapons, arrest, and state carceral punishment to our neighborhoods.

Thank you.

**From:** Michelle Romero  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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Hello,

My name is Michelle Romero and I am a resident of San Jose. I have been absolutely appalled and disgusted by the use of force our police department has been using on peaceful protests.

First of all, Jared Yuen is just an example that was caught on film. Police are supposed to be protecting people and deescalate a situation. I have seen and heard of police officers doing the exact opposite of that.

Police have proven over and over again they cannot be trusted with the riot gear our city pays to equip them with. They have proven to the people they apparently are not responsible enough to handle this equipment therefore take it away. Derrick Sanderlin may never have children because one of our officers shot him directly in the groin with a Rubber bullet. Rubber bullets as you know are supposed to be shot to the ground and not directly at people! I have heard too many of these stories! Why are the police constantly making the situations worse? Why are they escalating situations? I am DISGUSTED!

I am happy to see that the decision to ban rubber bullets for crowd control was made but I urge you to do so much more! This is the time to go all in for the people, I beg you to defund the police. And I do not mean get rid of the police force all together but I ask you to scale back the large amount of money you put towards the police department.

Over 40% of the San Jose budget goes towards the police department? And you are taking money away from education, parks and libraries? Plus adding money for a golf course? How can you sleep at night? It is time to put the money into our community!

Please the people are begging you to do what is right! Ban excessive use! Defund the police! Invest in our community!

**From:** Addison Hill  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 10:25 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 3.6



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My Name is Addison and I am a resident of San Jose. I am writing to demand that funding is reallocated from SJPd to social and public programming that takes place in our communities. It is unethical to cut budget towards education, libraries, parks, housing, and transportation while funneling \$5M into improving the San Jose golf courses. It is also an outrage that over 30% of city funding goes towards the Police Department. The system in place is broken - at the expense of your citizens' safety and well-being. We need a new criminal justice structure, inclusive of a robust task force of mental health professionals and social workers.

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**From:** L A Kurth

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 12:18 PM

**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>

**Subject:** Would police chaplains be helpful?



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Dear Councilors,

I noticed in photos of my hometown in northern Wisconsin that there was a pretty big but peaceful march and one of the police present was wearing a shirt that said "Police chaplain." I wonder if non-denominational or multi-denominational chaplains might be a good idea for demonstrations in San Jose. The threatening appearance of riot gear during peaceful protests seems more likely to inflame resentment (and depersonalize police).

Cordially,  
Lita Kurth  
District 6